

# EFFORT TO GET MONEY OUT OF OCEAN HORROR

Marconi Acknowledges Authorizing Wireless Operators to Sell Their Stories When They Arrived.

MESSAGES PICKED UP BY BATTLESHIP  
Great Italian Inventor Cuts Poor Figure When Answering Questions Put by the Senate Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—Guglielmo Marconi, inventor of the wireless and chairman of the Marconi company, testified today before the senate committee investigating the Titanic disaster that he authorized the wireless operators of the Carpathia and Titanic to sell the stories of the great catastrophe for publication.

Mr. Marconi explained that in giving consent for the sale he had not attempted in any way to suppress general information of the wreck. He denied any previous knowledge of wireless messages to the Carpathia operators telling them to "keep your mouths shut" and "hold out for four figures." These messages, one of them signed "Marconi," were picked up by the United States battleship Florida the night the Carpathia was coming in and forwarded to the secretary of the navy. Mr. Marconi declared he never authorized these messages, but did give consent that the operators could receive money.

## Pointed Question.

Mr. Marconi told of repeated attempts which he had made Sunday, Monday and the days following the tragedy for information. Senator Smith said to Mr. Marconi:

"I would like to have your own best judgment as to whether the custom established by Operator Rinnis in the public disaster of selling his news to the press, and the privilege you gave to Cottam of the Titanic disaster, had anything to do with your failure to get this information and thus deprive the public of the details of this horror?"

Mr. Marconi said he did not think of anything of the kind and did not attempt to suppress any details.

Before taking the stand Mr. Marconi frankly discussed the message sent from New York to the wireless operators on the Carpathia before Chief Engineer Sammis of the Marconi company asked them to hold out their mouths when they reached port for "four figures."

## essel Not at Sea.

"Yes, that message was sent by Sammis," said Mr. Marconi, "but I saw nothing about the message until afterward. There is this about it that I want to say, the message was sent while the Carpathia was at sea, and was not sent until the Carpathia had passed Sandy Hook and was nearing New York."

When Senator Smith reached the committee room messages from Toronto called him, and he left the room, leaving a crowd of the officers of the battleship Mount Temple, which sighted the Titanic, would be seen today by Canadian authorities.

John N. R. and would be forwarded to Washington.

Senator Smith asked Mr. Marconi what he had to do with wireless apparatus, ashore and afloat, and whether selected the operators.

## Position Advisory.

I am consulted as to the installation of apparatus," he said.

"I do not dictate the style of apparatus but I am on call to advise. I am around the world a good bit on this work."

What is your official connection with the British government?"

"I have no official connection except have no official connection except for consultation. Our company contract with the government for extension of wireless in the British empire. The work will take up at least ten years."

Have you the exclusive right to the British wireless stations?"

"We have that right so far as the protection of our patents in England."

We have had dealings with the German government and Germany's stations now are controlled company which works in harmony with us. We get a percentage for our work."

Senator Smith sought to discover whether the witness had extensive contacts with any other government or nations.

"I have with Italy," said Mr. Marconi.

It is a personal contract and the navy has nothing to do with it."

The witness told of contracts with Canadian government and also an understanding with the United States.

Unless an operator constantly has receiver on his head he would not be able to hear a message."

That is correct," replied Mr. Marconi.

Wages Paid.

Asked as to pay of wireless operators, Mr. Marconi said that in England they ranged from \$4 to \$12 a week and lodging.

It is easy to get operators at those wages," he said, "because the sea is not a very attractive place."

Wages in America, Mr. Marconi said, were slightly higher.

You send a wireless to the operator of the Carpathia telling him to hold out his mouth?"

"I did not," he said.

Did you hear of such a message?"

"No," he said.

Senator Smith asked Mr. Marconi if

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there was any arrangement which gave an alarm on board ship when called by wireless. He said that in an old equipment used on ships there was a bell arrangement which did not work well because it alarmed operators in all ships as well as the one called for.

"There is no alarm signal on instruments now, then?"

"No, but it may be possible to devise one."

"Ships should have operators continually on duty, you think?"

"Yes, if the wireless is to be of service to others, as in cases of distress."

"Great Range of Wireless."

"How far could the station at Cape Race maintain communication with a vessel?"

"Between 400 and 500 miles in the day and considerably more than 1000 at night."

"You could maintain this connection easily then with such ships as the Titanic?"

"Yes, sir."

Mr. Marconi said the apparatus on the Mount Temple had only a 200-mile radius.

"Where were you on Sunday and Monday, April 14 and 15?" asked Senator Smith.

"New York."

"Did you have any communication personally or by your operator with the Carpathia, Sunday or Monday?"

"No."

"Did you have communication with Cape Race Sunday or any day up to the arrival of the Carpathia in New York?"

"No direct communication. I telephoned my office frequently on all those days and urged that every means be tried to get information from the disaster."

The witness said he learned between 7:30 and 8 o'clock Monday evening, April 15, that the Titanic had sunk. His secretary, he said, had informed him Tuesday evening he heard about the rescue made by the Carpathia.

"I asked for further information," said the witness.

"And was told by my operator that it probably would be impossible, because the Carpathia would be extremely busy with the messages of the captain and the passengers aboard."

Talked With Bride.

He made no further attempt to reach the Carpathia, because he did not care to exercise his authority to interfere with the operation of the wireless. The captain and officers of the Carpathia, he felt, were the best judges of the situation.

Mr. Marconi told of going aboard the Carpathia when it docked in New York.

"I went directly to the wireless room," he said, "and congratulated Bride, the Titanic's operator, on what he had done. Cottam of the Carpathia's operator was not there. He called me later on the telephone and asked me whether I might give out a report of the wreck. I told him I could do so under the circumstances."

Mr. Marconi added there was an iron-clad rule in his company's regulations prohibiting operators from acting as reporters. He said that under the British law it was a penal offense for an operator to send out any information on his own initiative. This, he said, probably was the reason why no reports of the disaster were forthcoming from the Carpathia on her way to New York after rescuing the Titanic survivors.

The witness read by Senator Smith were as follows:

Tell-Tale Telegrams.

"8:15 p. m.—Operator Carpathia: Say, old man, Marconi company taking good care of you. Keep your mouth shut. It's fixed for you to get good money. Do your best to clear."

"8:30 p. m.—Operators Carpathia and Titanic: Arranged for your exclusive story for dollars. In four figures. Mr. Marconi agreeing. Say nothing until you see me. Where are you now?—J. M. Sammis."

"9 p. m.—From Zagate to Carpathia: Go to Strand Hotel, 502 West Fourteenth street, and see Mr. Marconi."

"9:30 p. m.—Zagate to Carpathia: (a personal to operator Carpathia): Meet Mr. Marconi and Mr. Sammis 502 West Fourteenth street. Keep your mouth shut. (Signed) Marconi."

"What can you say about that, Mr. Marconi?" Senator Smith asked.

"I don't know anything about any of these messages. They are not in my possession. I approve. I wish to say that I did tell Mr. Marconi, as a representative company, we would not prevent any of the operators making any money that they could out of their stories."

"Is that a rule of your company?"

"No, not a rule."

"Was it ever done before?"

"Yes."

"When?"

"Case of Jack Binns."

"In the case of the Republic disaster, Mr. Binns, the operator, was given the right to sell his story."

"Do you wish the committee to understand that you approve that?"

"Yes, I was anxious that the operators get something."

"But Mr. Marconi," Senator Smith exclaimed, "do you mean that the details of the greatest sea horror of the world should be withheld from the world except through an exclusive story sold by one of the operators?"

"No, I gave no instructions whatever, but I did say that if the operators were offered money they could take it," said Mr. Marconi.

"I gave that permission as an officer of the British company. With every deference to you, sir, I do not quite understand your motive. You think, are you thinking that I ordered information withheld. I wish to state that is a completely wrong idea."

Doesn't the fact that the operators are permitted to sell their stories operate to close their mouths? I want you to tell the committee if the permission you gave to Binns and the privilege you gave to Cottam in the Titanic disaster did not explain your failure to get the information and give the world the news?"

"Before leaving the stand Mr. Marconi declared he felt that the experiences of Operator Bride or Cottam were of such interest that they had the right to sell their stories. He insisted that it always was his understanding that the

operator was to be paid for his story."

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**SENATE WILLING TO AID FIGHT ON PESTS**

Appropriates \$50,000 for Eradication of Alfalfa Weevil and Sugar Beet Pests.

WASHINGTON, April 25.—The subcommittee of the senate agricultural committee today acted favorably upon Senator Duggenheim's amendments to the agricultural appropriation bill to appropriate \$50,000 additional for the eradication of the alfalfa weevil pest, the sugar beet insect pest, and to give 25 per cent additional of the receipts derived from national forests to states to be expended in constructing public roads.

The subcommittee also adopted Senator Warren's amendments appropriating \$50,000, of which \$15,000 is to be immediately available, to enable the secretary of agriculture to distribute seeds for drought resisting crops in the dry farm regions of the west; \$10,000 additional co-operating with western states in maintaining grain experiment stations; \$25,000 additional, making \$50,000 in all, for the construction and maintenance of roads in national forests, and \$50,000 to establish a winter refuge for elk in the Jackson Hole region, south of the Yellowstone national park.

To further regulate the wireless, Mr. Marconi would have in each government control over wave lengths and to issue licenses to different persons and concerns to use a certain wave length. When all available wave lengths in a given area were exhausted he would have the government refuse to license more stations. Before leaving the stand Mr. Marconi said he was utterly opposed to the suppression of any news or the sales of any exclusive news.

The committee held this afternoon held an executive session. When the hearing was resumed Senator Smith asked Mr. Marconi whether since the Titanic accident any officer of the International Mercantile Marine or White Star companies had requested him or his associates to send any "silence" message with reference to the Titanic accident. Mr. Marconi said:

**MYSTIC SHRINERS TO VISIT THE CITY**

The nobles and friends of the Saladin temple, Mystic Shrine of Grand Rapids, Mich., will arrive in Salt Lake City May 4, in a special train over the Denver & Rio Grande. The train is known as the "Saladin Special" and is said to be one of the finest that has ever left the central northern states. It is taking the Shriner to Los Angeles to the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Imperial council, which will be held there April 2. From Los Angeles the special train will go north to British Columbia and east through southern Canada.

C. E. York and his famous comique band will render a concert during the stay in Salt Lake City.

**NEGRO LYNCHED BY MOB IN LOUISIANA**

MONROE, La., April 25.—Company D of the Louisiana national guard left today for Delhi, thirty miles east, where serious trouble between whites and negroes developed last night. One negro was lynched and further disorder is feared.

The trouble which led to the lynching is attributed to the surliness and impudence of negro flood refugees, many of whom have refused to work since the government began distributing free rations among them.

One of them quarreled yesterday with a white man and afterward threatened violence to all white people in Delhi.

During the night a crowd gathered, caught the negro and lynched him.

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**HILLMAN EXPOSED BY PRISON BARBER**

Multi-Millionaire Convict From Seattle Turns Out to Be Notorious Swindler.

SEATTLE, April 25.—That Clarence Dayton Hillman, the multi-millionaire townsman promoter, now serving a term of thirty months in the federal penitentiary for having used the mails to defraud, had laid the foundation both of his fortune and his career of crime, as a fraudulent produce commission merchant in San Francisco in 1895, was alleged today by federal officials who identified him as the original of No. 11715 of the San Francisco rogues' gallery.

Special agents of the department of justice had spent much time after his indictment two years ago in attempting to trace clues of alleged previous crimes, but were unable to find evidence. After the prison barber had shaved and cropped Hillman, however, the warden of the McNeill island penitentiary at once recalled the San Francisco rogues' gallery picture, and Hillman did not deny that he was the man who was arrested in 1895 for swindling Baker City, Ore., farmers out of the proceeds of produce entrusted to him for sale.

The fire in San Francisco in 1906 destroyed nearly all the criminal records, only the picture gallery being saved. There is no record of what became of Hillman after his arrest, and the special agents have no trace of him from the day of his arrest until when he arrived at Seattle in 1908 and began to amass his vast fortune by buying and plating wild land and selling it as town lots.

**All Hallows Notes**

The Utah day celebration was attended by many friends and relatives of the students. The junior choir, under the direction of the Rev. Father Vincent, rendered the song "Utah" and other choice selections. The Alt Halls band played some patriotic airs and several speeches were given by members of the faculty.

There will be an inspection of the cadet drill team this morning at 11 o'clock, and all are requested to attend.

The Rev. Father Dagneau will address the class of chemistry this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The class of 1912, at its meeting last evening, elected the following to serve as commencement day committee: Thomas Owens, Charles Ellis, Fernand Little, Ralph Constock, Frank Stephens, Charles McGill and Leo Krammbeuhl.

The Racquet club, which was organized last year, will hold its first meeting this afternoon on the new tennis courts.

The Rev. Father Glot, for many years connected with the college, has been transferred to the Marist school at Boston, Mass.

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